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SUBJECT: NEW LEADERSHIP FOR THE SSRC

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- 1. IN THE WAKE OF THE FLIGHT LAST WEEK TO BOTSWANA OF SSRC LEADERS KHOTSO SEATHLOLO AND TWO OTHERS (SEE REFTEL) SOWETO STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL HAS ELECTED DANIEL MOTSISI NEW CHAIRMAN. MOTSISI IS THE THIRD "CHAIRMAN" OF THE SSRC, THE OTHERS BEING TSIETSI MASHININI AND SEATHLOLO.
- 2. THE SSRC ALLEGES IT "ORDERED" SEATHLOLO TO LEAVE COUNTRY AS A RESULT OF MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING INCIDENT IN WHICH SEATHLOLO WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SHOT IN THE ARM SOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME LAST WEEK. SSRC STATEMENT ADDED, SOMEWHAT CRYPTICALLY, "IT IS OUR POLICY THAT IF SERVICE IS HAMPERED INTERNALLY THEN THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO SERVE EXTERNALLY." THE INFERENCE IS SEATHLOLO WAS ASKED TO LEAVE BECAUSE THINGS HAD GOTTEN TOO HOT FOR HIM HERE.

3. BIO NOTE: MOTSISI IS DESCRIBED AS "SOFT-SPOKEN", BUT

FIRM. HE IS A STUDENT AT SEKAMO NTOANE HIGH SCHOOL AND IS TWENTY YEARS OLD. HE, ACCORDING TO THE SSRC NOTE, WAS SEATHLOLO APPOINTED SUCCESSOR AND HIS ELECTION WAS DESCRIBED AS UNANIMOUS.

4. COMMENT: THE CHANGE IN COMMAND FROM SEATHLOLO TO MOTSISI HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY SOME RATHER STERN RHETORIC ABOUT "INTERFERENCE" IN STUDENT AFFAIRS BY "EXTERNAL FORCES" (APPARENTLY ANOTHER WARNING TO FIGURES SUCH AS KAMBULE TO KEEP THEIR HANDS OFF STUDENT AFFAIRS) AND A CALL FOR STUDENTS TO ONCE AGAIN UNITE BEHIND THE SSRC. WHETHER SEATHLOLO LEFT BECAUSE THINGS HAD INDEED GROWN TOO HOT OR WHETHER, AS SOME INDICATIONS POINT, HE WAS URGED TO VACATE IS UNCLEAR. IN ANY EVENT, THE "NEW BLOOD" AT THE TOP OF THE SSRC COULD DO MUCH TO REKINDLE MILITANCY OF THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECENTLY SHOWN SIGNS OF UNWILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH THE DICTATES OF THE SSRC. JOHNSON

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